

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 34-52, 63-77 and 88 have been rejected.

Claims 53, 54, 60, 63, 78, 79 and 88 have been amended.

Claims 55-62 and 80-87 are kept unchanged.

Claims 34-52 and 64-77 are canceled.

Claims 53-63 and 78-88 are pending in the application.

Objected claim 60 has been amended by replacing "use" with - -process- -.

The rejection of claims 34-52 and 63-77 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wanatabe et al, US 5,853,866 is now moot because those claims have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 88, because claim 88 has been amended to become dependent upon allowable claim 78.

The rejection of claims 34-52 and 63-77 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Heller et al, US 5,616,532 is now moot because those claims have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 88, because claim 88 has been amended to become dependent upon allowable claim 78.

The rejection of claims 34, 35, 37-39, 41-44, 46, and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohmori et al, US 6,479,031 is now moot because those claims have been canceled.

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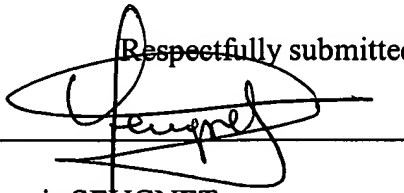
Allowable claims 53-62 and 78-87 have been amended and rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is asserted that the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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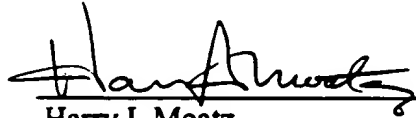
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